view that only a policy of comprehensive mandatory sanctions will compel South Africa to dismantle apartheid. Government have consistently supported efforts of various institutions and organisations which have been endeavouring to create public opinion against apartheid such as the recent International Youth Conference against apartheid which was held in New Delhi on January 8, 1987 and which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister.

(c) Public opinion in favour of effective measures calculated to bring about the dismantlement of apartheid in South Africa is building up. The United States Congress has adopted a programme of limited sanctions and it is to be hoped that other Governments which have so far declined to adopt such a policy will see the need to adopt an effective sanctions policy against South Africa.

Border disputes with China

67 SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to a news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 24th December, 1986 and state

(a) whether in December last the Prime Minister in his address to pressmen at Calcutta, had stated that there were problems in some areas in making the Mcniahon line; and

(b) if so, what are the specific problems and their implecations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's response to newsmen at Calcutta airport on 18.12.1986 reflected our established position. India's perception of our border is very clear. Any problems that might have arisen along the boundary will have to be sorted out mutually with the Chinese. China does not recognise the McMahon Line as constituting the boundary between India and China in the Eastern Sector. The Government of India's view is that the McMahon Line Agreement of 1914 formalised the Natural, traditional and administrative boundary in the Eastern Sector of the India-China boundary. The McMahon Line map was, however, mainly illustrative in nature and on too small a scale to show the boundary in detail. It does not give precise geographic locations and there could be variations between the co-ordinates as read on such a map and the results obtained from actual survey on the ground.

Demand for autonomy by the people of Karbi-Aglong-North Cachar areas of Assam

68 DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people living in Karbi-Aglong-North Cachar in Frontier Assam areas have been demanding autonomy;

(b) if so, what are the detail thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet their demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Some local organisations like the Autonomous State Demand Committee have been spearheading a demand for constitution of an autonomous State comprising the hill districts of Karbi Aglong and North Cachar Hills in Assam.

(c) The Government have not been in favour of further re-organisation of Assam. The State Government have, however, been requested to look into the developmental needs of the area, taking into account the felt needs and aspirations of the local hill tribals.

Sale of textile mills surplus land

69. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is pressure from Mill Owners' Association, Bombay (MOA) for permission to sell textile mills' "Surplus" land;

(b) whether this could serve as a prelude to closing down of these mills completely thereby throwing a wide section of employees of the mills and other ancillary workers, out of employment; and

(c) whether any of the units under the National Textile Corporation Limited also sought permission to sell their surplus land?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) According to available information, some of the textile mills in Bombay which are in financial difficulties have approached the prescribed Urban Land Ceilling Authority and/or the State Government for permission to develop land which is surplus to their requirement in order to raise requisite funds for their working capital needs and for modernisation, with the intention to keep the mills going with a view to protecting the production as well as employment.

(c) Surplus land in some NTC mills has been identified.

Tourists from abroad

70. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of tourists from abroad and earnings in foreign exchange during the last year and also the proposed time-bound target for the current year and for the next year; and

(b) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) The total foreign tourist traffic to India during 1986 was 1451,076 including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh. The estimated foreign exchange earning from these tourists is likely to be over Rs. 1700 crores. The targets of tourist arrival for 1987 and 1988 are 1.60 million and 1.75 million respectively, including nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to increase the foreign tourist traffic include vigorous publicity campaigns with emphasis on consumer advertising, stepping-up of public relations with overseas media agencies, tour operators and travel agencies, promotion of special interest tourism and marketing India in 'segmonts', launching of promotional schemes and off-season schemes like 'Affordable India' and 'India on the House', development of infrastructural facilities and transport systems, including charter traffic etc.

Deportation of terrorists by the US Government

71. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 7th February, 1987 to the effect that US Government will deport terrirists having any link with international terrorism, who are planning or supporting violence.

(b) whether Government have given any list of terrorists who have created disturbance in India and escaped to the USA; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is on going cooperation and consultation between the Government of India and USA on the international dimension of terrorist violence against India.